103D CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 2167

To increase, effective as of December 1, 1994, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of such veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 8 (legislative day, JUNE 7), 1994

Mr. Rockefeller (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

- To increase, effective as of December 1, 1994, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of such veterans.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 - 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
 - 4 This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Benefits
 - 5 Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1994".
 - 6 SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES AND LIMITATIONS.
 - 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Af-
 - 8 fairs shall, as provided in paragraph (2), increase, effec-

- 1 tive December 1, 1994, the rates of and limitations on
- 2 Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation
- 3 and dependency and indemnity compensation.
- 4 (2)(A) The Secretary shall increase each of the rates
- 5 and limitations provided for in sections 1114, 1115(1),
- 6 1162, 1311, 1313, and 1314 of title 38, United States
- 7 Code. The increase shall be by the same percentage that
- 8 benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Secu-
- 9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective
- 10 December 1, 1994, as a result of a determination under
- 11 section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).
- 12 (B) In the computation of increased rates and limita-
- 13 tions pursuant to subparagraph (A), amounts of \$0.50 or
- 14 more shall be rounded to the next higher dollar amount
- 15 and amounts of less than \$0.50 shall be rounded to the
- 16 next lower dollar amount.
- 17 (b) Special Rule.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
- 18 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under
- 19 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-
- 20 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public
- 21 Law 85-857 (2 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of com-
- 22 pensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,
- 23 United States Code.
- 24 (c) Publication Requirement.—At the same time
- 25 as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the So-

- 1 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
- 2 to be published by reason of a determination made under
- 3 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1994, the
- 4 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the rates
- 5 and limitations referred to in subsection (a)(2)(A) as in-
- 6 creased under this section.

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